

City's Wishes Granted with \$500,000 In State Funding for GAFC

The Recreation & Parks Department's Greenville Aquatic and Fitness Center has been awarded a \$500,000 Parks and Recreation Trust Fund (PARTF) grant to revitalize and renovate the existing facility.

The Greenville Aquatics & Fitness Center competed with 85 other projects from across the state for grant funding. Out of the 41 projects receiving grants, Greenville ranked 12th and received the maximum amount of funding.

This grant will allow the aging facility to move forward with several renovations and upgrades, renovations to the heating and air conditioning, a new floor for the gym, and pool renovations. This funding will cover these improvements and much more.

According to Boyd Lee, Recreation and Parks Director, the PARTF grant funding has saved the Greenville Aquatics and Fitness Center. As the future for the Center and its funding, was unclear, this grant has paved the way to a prosperous future.

Eastern Carolina Vocational Center, which currently owns the building, agreed to donate the building to the City. The structure is valued at over 1 million dollars, clearly meeting the matching requirement set by the state for this grant.

The renovations are scheduled to begin in the fall. The projects will be done in phases in order to avoid an interruption in activities and programs.